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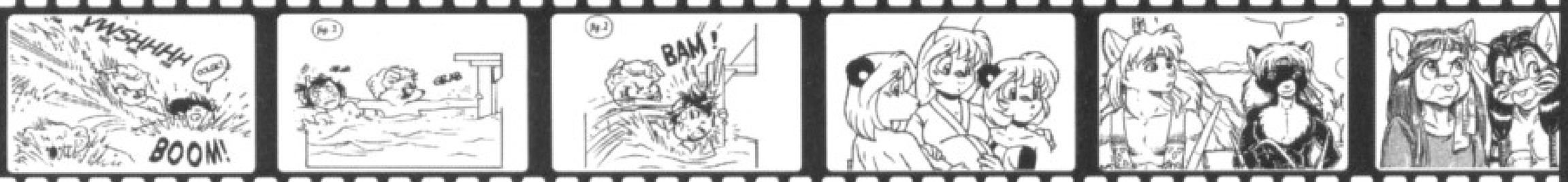

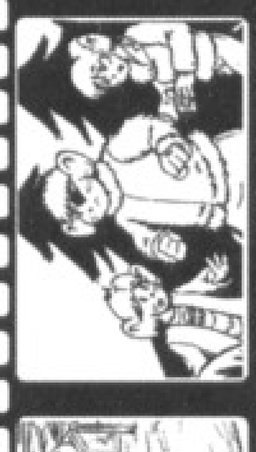

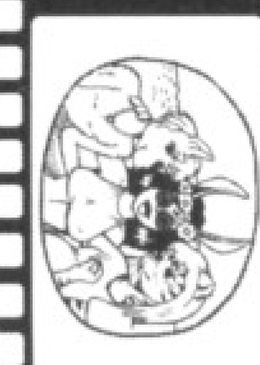

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It features cover to ALL the comics we've produced, previews of upcoming art, and a fan mart accessible by the web and Paypal.

What else is new?

Well, all our comics are 48 pages now, with special backup series running in ***KATMANDU, SHANDA,*** and ***EXTINCTIONERS. OONA THE CAVE BUNNY*** by Mark Moore is featured in KAT, MEDICS by Jon Crusoe and Jerry Loomis in ***SHANDA*** along with ***CEDAR RABBITS PD*** by Dennis Clark and Joyceanna Brock, and ***ANDORAZONS*** by Ken Singshow in ***EXTINCTIONERS.***

SFA SWIMSUIT SPECIAL will try to be a successor to the ***AMAZING HEROES SWIMSUIT SPECIAL*** by featuring famous furry characters in their best bathing attire. We're in discussion with Forest Light regarding specials in the vein of ***HERE COMES A CANDLE,*** perhaps beginning this Christmas.

We're about to debut two new entries in our ***XXX DIGEST*** series. A new ***KATMANDU*** by Boyce Kline and Malcolm Earle, and a new ***SHANDA*** by Mike Curtis and Dennis Clark. Oh, and they'll have ***COLOR COVERS.***

In our (HA HA) spare time, we're preparing all new editions of the ***SHANDAVERSE*** and ***KATMANDU HANDBOOK,*** and these will ALSO be available on CD.

We're looking into our second trade paperback, ***SHANDA THE PANDA: INVITATION TO THE DANCE,*** reprinting ***MU#1*** and ***AP 1-4.***

And that's not counting several established and new series we're looking into publishing.

Sigh...just like before...no spare time.

Mike and Carole

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KATMANDU

"NOT WHAT IT SEEMS" PART2

LIAR'S MOON-CANDY SOON OR TRICKS YOU'LL SEE IN ONE-TWO-THREE!

HERE YOU GO KIDDIES.

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SHOULDN'T WE SAVE SOME OF THIS FOR *OUR* CHILDREN?

I HAVE MORE. BESIDES THEY'LL COME HOME WITH BAGS FULL. YOU WEREN'T HERE LAST YEAR.

LISKA AT THE M TAINS FIGHTING

SO--HOW LONG DOES THIS MASQUERADE BUSINESS LAST?

MOST OF THE NIGHT. WANT ME TO TELL YOU A STORY WHILE YOU RUB MY FEET?

PSST...PYNDAN, WAKE UP. DON'T WAKE UP RIAL.

THETIS ISN'T HERE.

WHY? WHAT'S WRONG?

WHY DON'T YOU WANT ME TO WAKE RIAL?

HE KEEPS GOING ON ABOUT BREEDING THETIS

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S FOUND SOMEONE.

WELL, WHAT I OBJECTED TO WAS RIAL SAYING THETIS SHOULD BE BRED TO JUST ANY MALE. I WANTED HER TO HAVE A CHOICE

LOOKS LIKE SHE FAVORS THE WILD ONES

YES, I SEE. THAT BRINGS UP ANOTHER MATTER I COULD USE SOME ADVICE ON.

OH?

YOU KNOW THAT WHEN LIZARDS ARE IN RUT, SOMETIMES FEMALES WILL MOUNT EACH OTHER.

OH SURE, THAT'S COMMON

WELL, THEY MAY GET PLEASURE OUT OF IT, BUT THEY CAN'T PRODUCE OFFSPRING.

SHAYGIN WANTS KITTENS... *MY* KITTENS.

THAT'S-- A *PROBLEM*

I KNOW. I CAN DO EVERYTHING ANY OTHER WARRIOR CAN DO, BUT THAT

LISKA, YOU DO MORE THAN MOST WARRIORS. YOU'VE GOT FOUR KITTENS OF YOUR OWN PLUS A FOUNDLING.

IT'S JUST ME AND PANKA IN MY TENT.

I ADMIRE YOU LISKA. IN-- MANY WAYS.

HA! HA!

HEH!

AAAAA!

WHAT'S WRONG WINDFLOWER?

I HAD THAT DREAM AGAIN-- ABOUT LISKA AND THE KNIFE. IT GETS BIGGER EVERY TIME....

I *KNOW* SHE'S OUR CLAN LEADER, BUT I WISH YOU'D STOP THINKING ABOUT HER--

SIGH. OF COURSE. I'LL SCRATCH YOUR BACK

BRIGHT DAWN, YOU *KNOW* I CAN'T CONTROL MY VISIONS. IT'S PART OF BEING MYSELF. WOULD YOU...

THANKS.

LISKA! I SCENT SOMETHING!

WELL, IT'S NOT ME!

I SMELL IT TOO.

IT'S STILL TOO FAINT

HERNDON! AND CLOSE

I'M CATCHING IT FROM THE EAST--

GET YOUR SPEAR.

SHOULD WE GET RIAL?

LIKE *THIS*?

UH.

WELL, WE SET OUT AFTER THREE HERNDON AND WE GOT THEM.

AND ALL BECAUSE THETIS WANTED A MATE.

YOU DON'T...

NO. I WOULDN'T FEEL RIGHT. RIAL'S MY COUSIN-BROTHER.

THETIS! ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?

I IMAGINE SHE IS. YOU'LL HAVE A CLUTCH OF EGGS PRETTY SOON.

THAT'S FINE. I'VE GOT SONS THAT CAN RIDE THEM.

DAWN'S COMING, BUT THE SKY'S CLOUDING UP

WE'D BEST GET BACK TO CAMP BEFORE RIAL WAKES UP.

THEN WE CAN COME BACK AND BUTCHER THESE BEASTS.

IS THE SUN UP?

NOT QUITE. MY DREAMS KEPT ME AWAKE, SO I STARTED COOKING.

IS IT GOOD?

YOUR COOKING HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOOD WINDFLOWER

DO YOU WANT MORE?

NO, IT'S PLENTY...

AND DO YOU WANT--

HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BE BUSY?

HARD TO TELL. MOTHER AND FATHER TAKE A LONG TIME

THEY'RE CALLING THE KITTENS NOW. SHOULDN'T BE MUCH LONGER.

SCRATCH SCRATCH

WHO COULD THAT BE?

I'LL SEE--

HI! WE CAME TO HELP YOU DO YOUR WASHING!

AND SEE IF YOU HAD ANY NEWS ABOUT MOTHER.

LET ME GET DRESSED, GIRLS

WE FIGURED YOU MIGHT HAVE A LOT OF CLEANING TO DO.

ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU AND YOUR MAN HAVE BEEN TRAVELING SO FAR

THIS IS AWFULLY SWEET OF YOU TWO.

OH, WINDFLOWER! DID YOU MAKE THIS OR TRADE FOR IT?

I MADE IT FOR BRIGHTDAWN

IT'S BEAUTIFUL. COULD YOU SHOW ME HOW?

SIGH. ALL RIGHT.

I DREAMED ABOUT YOUR MOTHER LAST NIGHT. SHE AND PYNDAN GOT SOME HERNDEN. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY BACK NOW.

HOORAY!!

I JUST HOPE THEY HURRY.

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU CAUGHT THEIR SCENT LAST NIGHT.

IT WAS THETIS. SHE LED US TO THE HERNDON

AND NOW WE CAN GET HOME EARLY.

WELL. SINCE WE ARE EARLY, I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AROUND FOR SOME SHELTER, IF THE STORM GETS WORSE.

PERHAPS..

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THOSE CLOUDS--

DAMN! A THORN! SHE'LL HAVE TO STOP.

--WIND'S PICKING UP!

I SEE A CAVE OVER THERE--

IT'S TOO SHALLOW!

THETIS AND OUR PACKS CAN FIT INSIDE!

THE STORM'S GETTING WORSE!

STAY THETIS. WE'LL BE BACK.

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU GIRLS HELPING ME TO FIT IN.

OF COURSE! WE'RE GLAD TO HELP, BESIDES WE LIKE YOU. AND SO DOES OUR MOTHER.

AAAAH! I SEE IT I SEE THE KNIFE!

--I SEE THE KNIFE--

PAH!

WHERE AM I?

IN THE TENT OF MOTHER SONNA. MY GREAT-GRAND DAUGHTERS DRAGGED YOU IN.

YOU HAD A VISION, A POWERFUL ONE, AND PASSED OUT. DO YOU REMEMBER ANY OF IT?

I FINALLY SAW THE KNIFE

IT WAS SHAPED LIKE A KNIFE BUT IT WASN'T. IT WAS THE BLADE OF THE GODS, THE ***SHARP*** WIND.

OH! WHERE'S MY DRESS?

YOU TORE IT

SORRY--I'M A LITTLE SHY.

CHILD, I'VE ***HAD*** TWO HUSBANDS.

HERE, I GOT ONE OF YOUR DRESSES BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WEAR IT WET.

THANK YOU MELA.

NOW GET DRESSED. I'VE GOT SOMEONE COMING

YES, MA'AM.

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, MOTHER SONNA?

YES, SHAYGIN'S ALREADY UPSET ABOUT WINDFLOWER'S VISIONS. I HOPE SHE DOESN'T HEAR ABOUT THIS ONE, MARKREE.

LISKA'S CLAN LEADER. PYNDAN AND RIAL ARE COUSIN-BROTHERS. I CAN'T REALLY ASK YOU TO GO AFTER THEM....

ELISHAA PACKING MY THINGS. I'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. FORGOT SHE WAS MY SISTER, DIDN'T YOU?

YES.

DON'T GET YOUR DUSTY FEET NEAR MY BREAD THEA.

DON'T WORRY MOTHER. WILL IT BE READY FOR TONIGHT?

YES. I DO WISH LISKA WOULD COME HOME. IT'LL BE HARD TO COOK THE MEAT SHE'S BRINGING BACK, IN TIME.

MOTHER! RIDERS COMING INTO CAMP.

I'LL GO MEET THEM-

?

MOTHER, I WAS SO FRIGHTENED!

WHY? JUST BECAUSE WINDFLOWER FORSAW DANGER? I FACE DANGER EVERY DAY, DAUGHTER.

LISKA, I'VE NOT MADE A VERY GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION. MY VISIONS UPSET YOUR FAMILY AND CLAN. BRIGHT DAWN TALKED SO MUCH ABOUT COMING HOME... AND I'M WORRIED--

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, WINDFLOWER.

YOUR VISIONS ARE A TRUE GIFT OF THE GODDESS.

AS A CLAN LEADER, A HUNTER, OR A WARRIOR, I WON'T BE *RULED* BY THEM.

BUT THEY, *AND* YOU, ARE INTERESTING AND WELCOME.

MOTHER! LOOK AT OUR COSTUMES..!

HO, WAR CHIEF! I'VE RIDDEN FAR TO JOIN YOUR TRIBE. I HEAR YOU HAVE GREAT NEED OF MIGHTY WARRIORS.

MELA, THAT'S TRUE. BUT WE NEED MORE THAN JUST WARRIORS. WHAT ELSE DO YOU BRING?

I BRING MY WIFE--A BERDACHE OF GREAT RENOUN. HE'S A GOOD COOK, TOO.

COME ON WINDFLOWER. AT LIAR'S MOON, THE WIVE'S DANCE AROUND THE FIRE!

END

Katmandu

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Shaygin's Song

...GARETH IS SKILLFUL WITH HIS SPEAR, HE HIT THE TARGET ON HIS FIRST TRY!

HMM - I THINK HE WAS SUCCESSFUL **BEFORE** THE CEREMONY!

THEY **DID** DISAPPEAR THE NIGHT SHE CHOSE HIM...

SHOULD WE SPEAK OF LOVER'S MATTERS IN FRONT OF THEA?

MO-THER!

SHAYGIN, **WE** WERE BED SLAVES AT HER AGE. NOW SHE'S LOOKING AT THE YOUNG WARRIORS.

I WORRY. IF SHE FOLLOWS THE WRONG ONE INTO THE WOODS ONE DAY--**THAT** WARRIOR BETTER HOPE I MISPLACE MY KNIFE!

I KNOW **ALL** ABOUT BOYS! I CHANGE MY LITTLE BROTHERS. I **SEE** WHEN THE WARRIORS LOOK AT WOMEN. I'M NOT **DEAF** WHEN PYNDAN VISITS OUR TENT AT NIGHT.

YOU'RE TOO BOLD, DAUGHTER!

SHAYGIN, IT'S YOUR TURN TO SING OF YOUR LISKA.

YES, MOTHER. I **NEED** TO LEARN.

SO DO I. AS LISKA'S SECOND WIFE, I SHOULD KNOW HOW TO PLEASE HER.

VERY WELL. I WILL PROVE MY HUSBAND IS BEST.

MY HUSBAND IS A MIGHTY HUNTER. SHE PROVIDES FOR **TWO** WIVES, NINE CHILDREN, AND MOTHER SONNA.

"HER WEAPON IS THE BLADE, AS STRONG AND SLIM AS SHE."

"LISKA VANQUISHED THE GIANT WILOAM, FOUGHT BRAVELY TO FREE THE WHITE RIVER SLAVES--"

"AND SHE PROTECTS HER OWN."

"AS I CARRIED THE WASH FROM THE RIVER, A GREENBROKE HERDON GOT FREE, RUNNING AT ME.

"SWIFT AS SUMMER LIGHTNING, LISKA MOUNTED THETIS. . .

"SHE OUTRAN THE BEAST, AND SNATCHED ME FROM IT'S PATH!"

"I AM PROUD TO SEE HER SIT IN COUNCIL. SHE IS RECOGNIZED FOR HER BRAVERY AND WISDOM."

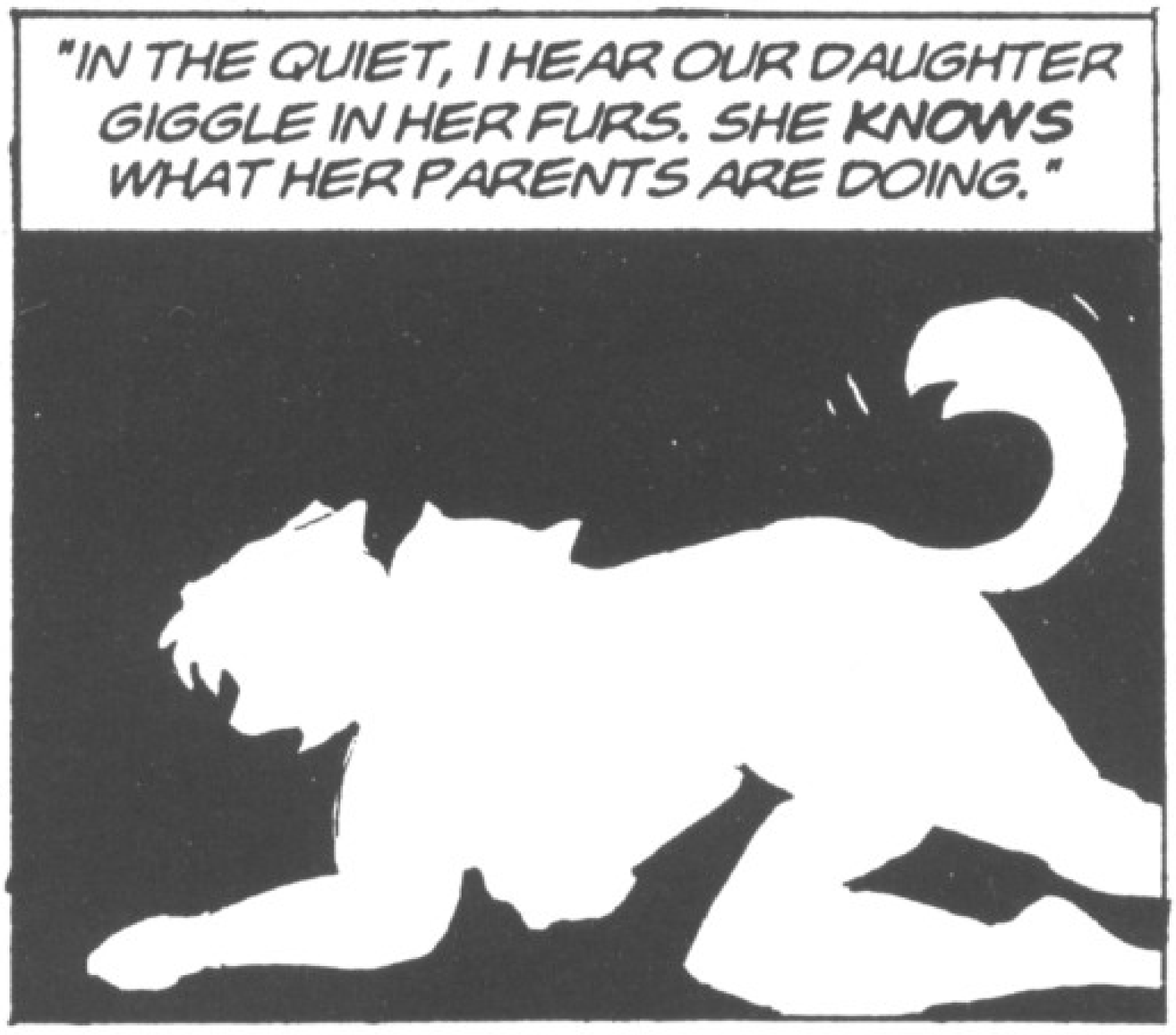
"EACH NIGHT, I FEED HER WELL, THEN MASSAGE HER SORE MUSCLES."

"IN THE NIGHT, SHE REACHES FOR ME."

"I FEEL HER STRONG HANDS ON MY BODY. I GATHER HER TO ME AND CARESS THE HARDNESS OF HER FORM."

"WE KISS AND GROOM EACH OTHER. I DELIGHT IN HOW DIFFERENT OUR BODIES ARE."

"IN THE QUIET, I HEAR OUR DAUGHTER GIGGLE IN HER FURS. SHE KNOWS WHAT HER PARENTS ARE DOING."



"I COOL THE FIRES OF HER BODY WITH MINE. SHE USES MY SOFTNESS AS HER BED."

I AM SO PROUD I HAVE BORNE HER A SON AND A DAUGHTER.

EVEN NOW, HER KITTENS STIR INSIDE ME.

OH.

OH, MY.

SHAYGIN, I THINK YOU HAVE WON OUR SONG CONTEST. AND I FEEL THE NEED TO SEE MY HUSBAND.

SO DO I.

THEA, *THAT* IS WHY I AM SO PROTECTIVE OF YOU. HUSBANDS AS LOVING AS LISKA ARE RARE, BUT *YOU* DESERVE SUCH.

THANK YOU, MOTHER.